

## **William H. Hannon Foundation Helps Only Catholic High School in Long Beach Purchase Eight Automated External Defibrillators**

**Santa Monica, CA (July 30, 2018):** The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$10,000 contribution to St. Anthony High School (SAHS), the only college preparatory Catholic high school in Long Beach, to purchase eight Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for the school's main campus, gymnasium and athletic fields. AEDs are a portable medical device that check the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore normal rhythm in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. According to medical experts, access to an AED unit significantly increases a person's chance of survival in the event of sudden cardiac arrest, with a 90% chance of survival if administered within the first minute. With the Foundation's contribution, the school will have a total of 10 AEDs on campus.

In the 2018-2019 school year, SAHS will have the largest student enrollment in 20 years with nearly 600 students. Recently, the high school achieved CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) Championships in football, girls volleyball, girls basketball and softball as well as League Championships in all other sports. This year, SAHS has employed a Certified Athletic Trainer who offers on-site medical assistance during all scheduled athletic practices, conditioning and competition times. The high school has also implemented a Sports Medicine Class within its curriculum. Furthermore, this academic year, 69 SAHS sports medicine students completed their training, becoming certified in CPR/AED and Basic First Aid Training.

"My late uncle, William Hannon, our Foundation's founder, believed in supporting unique programs at our Catholic schools, especially where a relatively small contribution could have a major impact. Contributing \$10,000 to help fund 8 Automated External Defibrillators is one of the more unique requests we have recently received, and it certainly will help save lives," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.

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